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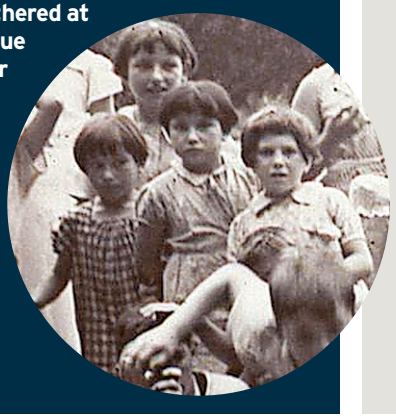
Children arrive for medical help - 1937

A CROWD of several hundred people gathered at Cambridge station to welcome the Basque children refugees who are to be cared for at the Pampisford hostel.

They travelled from Southampton in a special coach, arriving tired and a little awed.

Gradually, smiles were to be seen on their faces when they heard an interpreter repeat the welcome in their own language.

Then they got down to tea, with plenty of cakes and bananas, before setting off to Pampisford by car.



The last wrangler showcasing his wooden spoon

Wooden spoon presentation causes quite a stir - 1907

THE scene in the Senate House was very tame and it was not until the presentation of the wooden spoons to the last wrangler that there was any fun at all. This year, three men were bracketed for last place.

At the University of Cambridge, an over-sized wooden spoon was presented to the honours graduate at the bottom of the list of those taking the Mathematical Tripos on degree day.

The original wooden spoon, about 30 years ago, grew into a malt shovel with the man's college arms upon it, but, this year, they were more elaborately decorated than ever and are quite works of art, beautifully adorned from bowl to handle.

Sailor killed in bridge accident - 1954

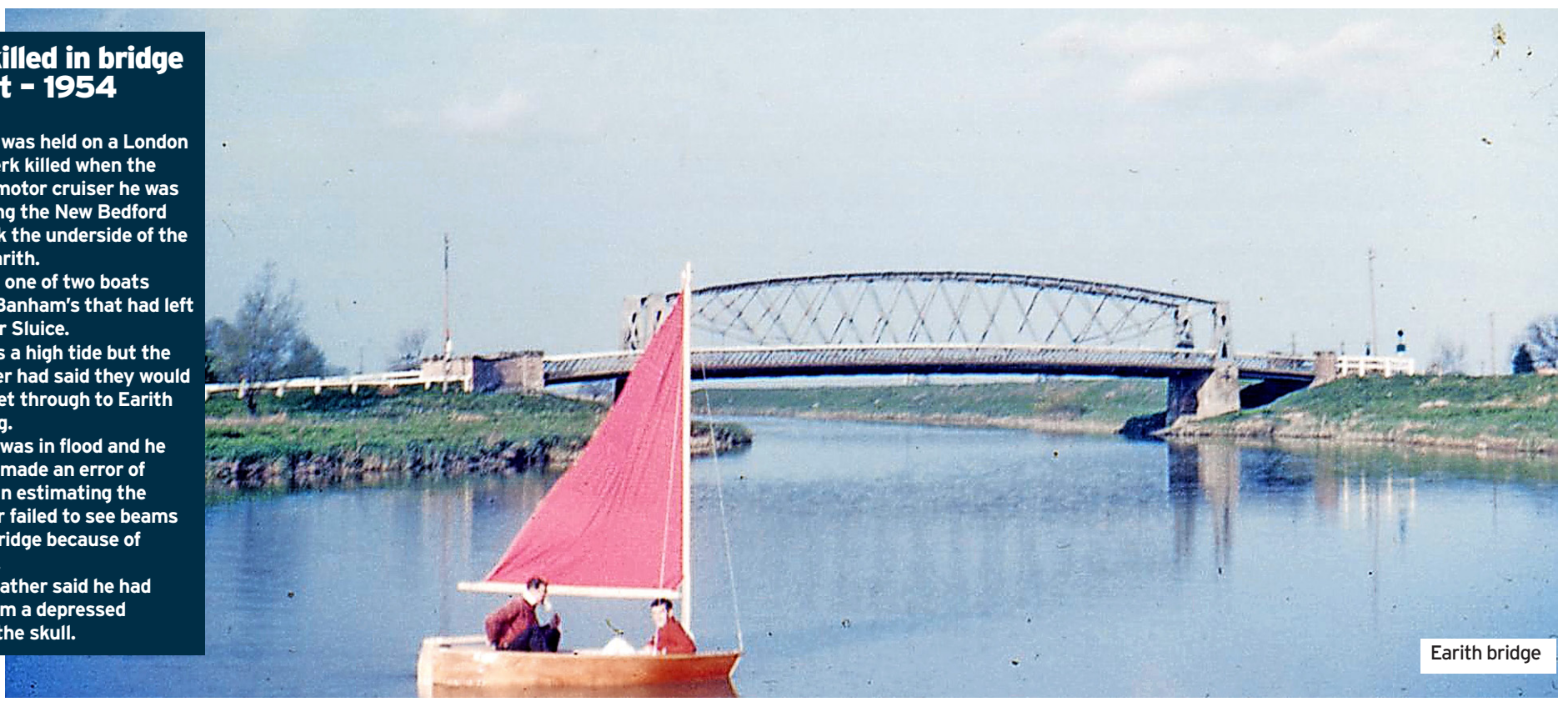
AN inquest was held on a London shipping clerk killed when the bridge of a motor cruiser he was piloting along the New Bedford River struck the underside of the bridge at Earith.

He was in one of two boats hired from Banham's that had left from Denver Sluice.

There was a high tide but the sluice keeper had said they would be able to get through to Earith that evening.

The river was in flood and he might have made an error of judgement in estimating the clearance or failed to see beams under the bridge because of fading light.

Dr Fairweather said he had suffered from a depressed fracture of the skull.



Earith bridge